

**Appointment Type:** Permanent  
**Working Time:** Full Time  
**Reference Code:** 20598e  
**Opening Date:** 02/10/2010  
**Closing Date:** 06/30/2010

## **Psychiatric Social Worker 3**

**\$41,040 - \$53,820 Annually (Range 50) plus a comprehensive benefits package!**

### **Agency Information**

The Department of Corrections has one opening for an innovative, resourceful team player to fill the position of Psychiatric Social Worker 3 at Stafford Creek Corrections Center in Aberdeen, Washington.

#### **EMPLOYMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

Whether the work is inside a prison, in community corrections or in an administrative office, Washington State Department of Corrections' professional staff experience a high degree of personal satisfaction knowing they are creating environments in which all offenders can learn to make choices that contribute to a safer society. For more information about DOC, visit [www.doc.wa.gov](http://www.doc.wa.gov).

Stafford Creek Corrections Center (SCCC) is a 1,936-bed multi-custody facility located five miles west of Aberdeen, on the southern Washington Coast. There are seven living units for medium and minimum long-term custody offenders and an intensive management unit for maximum-custody offenders. SCCC was Washington State's first tobacco-free facility for both staff and offenders.

DOC offers:

- ~ Rewarding and exciting careers
- ~ Flexible schedules
- ~ Comprehensive compensation packages
- ~ Training and development opportunities
- ~ Tuition reimbursement
- ~ The fulfillment of public service

For additional information about available benefits, please visit [www.doc.wa.gov/jobs/benefitssummary](http://www.doc.wa.gov/jobs/benefitssummary).

DOC's mission is to improve public safety.

### **Duties**

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a real difference? Do you have a track record of finding resources, networking and building relationships? If so, this is your opportunity to use your MSW to serve Washington communities.

The Psychiatric Social Worker is a critical link in the chain of professionals who help incarcerated offenders successfully transition into our communities. By developing a network of connections to community based programs, people and agencies, the Psychiatric Social Worker develops and coordinates discharge plans that ensure access to services for mentally ill or medically compromised men exiting prison.

One goal of the Department of Corrections is to reduce recidivism; Psychiatric Social Workers ready inmates for release by providing linkage to housing, mental health services and residential or drug treatment programs. To prepare offenders for discharge, the Psychiatric Social Worker holds individual and group counseling, and provides guidance and assistance intended to advance the social conditions of the patient in prison and in the community.

### **Qualifications**

Master's degree in Social Work from an accredited college or university whose accreditation is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and one year professional casework experience with adult mentally or emotionally disturbed individuals.

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Master's or Doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy, behavioral health, or mental health counseling whose accreditation is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and Two years professional casework experience with adult mentally or emotionally disturbed individuals.

Must be eligible to obtain certification, registration or license as required by the Washington Department of Health. Each employee is expected to maintain and adhere to the continuing education requirements for the applicable professional credential. Each employee must adhere to legislation and/or law changes that may affect current licensure and/or registration requirements.

The ideal candidate will also possess the following:

- ~ Proven ability to work with people in a manner that promotes cooperation and teamwork.
- ~ Ability to successfully create and maintain resource linkages.
- ~ Demonstrated proficiency in computer applications and related technologies.
- ~ Solid professional writing skills.
- ~ Strong ability to perform individual assessments.
- ~ Experience facilitating group sessions.
- ~ Willingness to work with sex offenders.
- ~ Demonstrated organization and time management skills.

### Special Notes

All Department of Corrections' employees are fingerprinted for a criminal history background check. Employees work with offenders in a potentially hazardous setting. Please consider this when deciding whether to apply. This pre-employment process may include drug screening.

Tuberculosis is a priority health issue for Department of Corrections' employees. Periodic skin tests are required for all health care providers and those who transport known/suspected Tuberculosis patients. Testing is voluntary for all other employees. When positive tests result, further testing and treatment may also be required. Employment is not contingent upon test results.

This position is included in a Union Shop that requires employees to become members within thirty (30) days of employment.

All DOC facilities are smoke and tobacco free.

### Other Information

The State of Washington is an equal opportunity employer. Persons with a disability who need assistance in the application or testing process, or those needing this announcement in an alternative format, may call (360) 664-1960 or toll free (877) 664-1960 or Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (360) 664-6211.

For questions about this recruitment contact Jamie Robinson at [jamie.robinson@doc.wa.gov](mailto:jamie.robinson@doc.wa.gov).

### How to Apply

**For job seekers who are not permanent state of Washington employees:**

1. Go to <http://careers.wa.gov/SearchAndApply.htm>.
2. If you are a new user, click on Register Now under the heading: **New Users**. Complete the fields under the **Registration** page. Remember to read and confirm acceptance of the Data Privacy Statement under the **Data Privacy Statement** header. Click Register. You are encouraged to build your profile in the system by clicking Option 1: Build Resume Profile under the header **My Resume**. Returning users can log-in by clicking the Job Seekers Login button.
3. Click on Apply Directly under the heading **My Job Search and Applications**.

4. In the reference code field, enter NB00020598\* and click on Start Search.
5. Click on the link Psychiatric Social Worker 3, Aberdeen, WA under the **Job Posting** column heading to view the complete announcement and apply.
6. Click through all the tabs along the top to complete your application and a questionnaire.
7. Attach your current resume through the **Attachments** tab.
8. Submit a cover letter summarizing how your knowledge, skills and abilities meet the minimum qualifications of this position under the **Cover Letter** tab.
9. Your application will not be submitted until you hit the **Submit** button under the **Send Application** tab. Make sure to review all your information as you will not be able to edit your application once it has been submitted.
10. If you would like to see the status of your application, click on View Profile and Application History Statuses and Scores under the **My Job Search and Application** column heading on the **External Job Seeker Start Page**. You will be able to view your questionnaire scores on this page, including the latest status of all your applications.

#### **Help is available**

- A users' guide for applying to jobs is available at <http://careers.wa.gov/help/>.
- If you need assistance applying for this job, please call DOP at (360) 664-1960 or 1-877-664-1960 or e-mail [Information@dop.wa.gov](mailto:Information@dop.wa.gov).